


Remarks

Applicant's counsel thanks the Examiner for the careful consideration given the application and for the courteous telephone interview conducted on May 15, 2008, during which claim 27 and the applied references EP 1234539 and US 348843 were discussed. In particular, the function of Hamilton '843 was discussed. The Examiner agreed that claim 27 as now presented defines over the applied references, particularly Hamilton (US 348843). Clarification was made that, in Hamilton, the gate b rotates inside case a, but the reference does not teach an internal chamber at least partially defined by a wall which is integral with internal walls of the retractor tube, as defined in claim 27. The Examiner indicated that the claims were allowable over the prior art of record. Since the claims are now in condition for allowance, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any further fees are required by this communication, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 16-0820, Order No. BUG8-38328.

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